

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

Claim 25 has been amended to more clearly and precisely describe the subject matter of the application. The amendment is of editorial nature. No new matter has been added by way of the amendment. Claims 1-25 are all the claims pending in this application.

The attachment to this Amendment shows the amendments made to claim 25 by bracketing the text that has been deleted and underlining the text that has been added.

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : NANBA, et al. :  
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For : ZOOM LENS AND IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

**ATTACHMENT SHOWING MARKUP OF CHANGES**

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Amendments made to claim 25 herein are indicated in this attachment by bracketing the text that has been deleted and underlining the text that has been added.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please note the following amendment to claim 25:

--25. (Amended) An image taking apparatus comprising:

a photoelectric conversion element; and

an image taking lens for forming an image of an object on a photosensitive surface of

the photoelectric conversion element, said image taking lens comprising said zoom lens

defined in claim [24] 9--